

## Edwards Street\* Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project Meeting Summaries 2019-2020

\*Formerly Van Wycke Connectivity Project. The name was changed to more accurately reflect the location of the improvements to be constructed.

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### Van Wycke Connectivity Project Meeting Notes

Monday November 18, 2019, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

In the Trinidad Town Hall Civic Club Room, 409 Trinity St. Trinidad CA

Notice mailed Friday November 8, 2019 to adjacent landowners

13 property owners attended

Josh Wolf, GHD and Trevor Parker, SHN

City Staff: Eli Naffah, Becky Price-Hall, Gabe Adams

#### Agenda

- Brief project summary - City Engineer Josh Wolf, GHD, Inc.
- Review and discussion of project design options and alternatives
- Q & A, potential issues and trouble shooting
- Project schedule, deadlines, wrap up and next steps.

Josh Wolf made a presentation about the project. Project design includes construction of a retaining wall to repair the failing section of the trail.

#### Summary of discussion:

- Lack of adequate contact with property owners
- Doesn't support the process
- Reached out to Mayor but didn't receive a response
- Impacted by STR issues and controversies
- Doesn't want to take the heat about this process
- Agnostic about the trail
- Will not support trail project if Yurok says opposes
- Wants to do all negotiations in private
- What are the deadlines
- Doesn't think her property needs a retaining wall or would benefit from one
- One attendee leaned on the rail which fell down the bluff and she almost went over
- Several adjacent landowners were not able to attend the meeting
- Closed trail is not on Clompus property
- Would like project to go forward and not lose the funding

Q What input about design options do homeowners have?

R Aesthetics of railing and wall; some input in alignment and grade

Q. Could the project construction destabilize the area?

R. Staff will be doing a more specific geological investigation. Coastal Commission will also be requesting additional information about geology.

#### Suggestions for Trail design

- Supports stormwater LID and planting natives

- Railing should be grip-able
- Lower the trail surface so it's not so much in the property owners' view

Comments about the trees and view (not part of the project)

- Conflict about tree & view. Spent approx. \$13,000 on this.
- Wants the trees down that are blocking views
- What about the view ordinance? No one could expect the trail to be agreed to without the trees coming down.
- The trees that were lowered have now grown back up
- The view ordinance is 23 pages but there are no consequences so it's not an ordinance.
- All the issues are coming to roost on this project including the trees. Wants some person-to-person contact with the City. Coastlines are very dear to peoples' hearts. Wants human to human empathy.

City staff said there would be a follow up to those who provided contact information.

Meeting ended.

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## Van Wycke Connectivity Project Meeting Notes

Monday February 17, 2020, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

In the Trinidad Town Hall Civic Club Room, 409 Trinity St. Trinidad CA

Steve Ladwig, Mayor; Jack West, City Council member

Steve Madrone, 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

Tsurai Ancestral Society representatives via phone Sarah Lindgren-Akana, Kelly Lindgren

Property owners Eric Fishman; via phone Rachel Duclos and Marc Gottschalk; (at 3:30) Erin Rowe and Jesse

Project Engineer Steve Allen, GHD; City Planner Trever Parker, SHN

City Staff: Eli Naffah, Becky Price-Hall

### Agenda

- Goals for Today – Steve Ladwig, Mayor
  - Introductions – All
  - Hear from landowners adjacent to City property near slumping Van Wycke trail
  - Hear from Tsurai Ancestral Society on considerations for any activity on southern slope (between Edwards Street and the high tide line of the Bay)
  - Have enough information to bring these topics to a future City Council meeting to ensure accuracy of perspectives
- Van Wycke Trail alternatives – Eli Naffah, City Manager/Steve Allen, City Engineer
- Upper Edwards Sidewalks – Eli Naffah, City Manager/Steve Allen, City Engineer

Meeting Notes recorded by Becky Price Hall on a wall chart.

- Welcome
- Reviewed Agenda. Steve Ladwig explained that this is a discussion, not an official council meeting with a quorum so no agreements will be made. Stakeholder views will be heard next steps will be agreed upon. TAS noted they had not received the agenda or other meeting materials as requested. Eric Fishman emailed a photo of the Agenda to the meeting email list.
  - City Council eliminated the soldier pile/retaining wall option at the January Meeting.
  - Staff researched 2003 action referred to at the January Council meeting
    - Summary of Trinidad's Council Action at Regular Meeting of April 9, 2003
    - Steve Ladwig emailed this document to the meeting email list.

- The Council Action eliminated certain segments of the Walkway Project.
  - Kelly – the action had more to it than is recorded. Signage was installed to direct pedestrians away from the Galindo Trail to the Edwards Street boardwalk. This sign was later removed and has not been replaced.
  - Question - how to remove the trail
  - Steve Madrone – The 2003 action set the stage to remove the trail.
- Alternatives – Eli Naffah. Project to address slumping section of Van Wycke Trail. \$700,000 in Caltrans funding to repair trail
  - City met with Caltrans regarding how to proceed if the project scope changes; reviewed 2 options mentioned at January Council meeting
  - “Option 2” – retreat trail uphill and rebuild there
  - “Option 3” – Move trail to Edwards Street.
  - Eli trying to find ways for Caltrans Project to be continued
  - Kelly Lindgren – Requests all the materials the participants are reviewing
  - Eli said his Feb 4 email described the two options. The map is the same Van Wycke figure 1 Revised Project Concept that has been circulated in the past. This map shows all the areas in discussion.
  - Steve Allen – outlined the goals for the options still under discussion
    - No retaining wall
    - Minimize soil disturbance
    - Eliminating the trail is an option
    - Utilities below the trail are an issue that must be addressed
    - Caltrans funding requires Caltrans approval for all changes from the approved scope.
    - Trail Retreat Option
      - Caltrans will consider for approval retreat uphill with no grading, wall, etc...
      - Requires work with landowners to secure right of way (ROW)
      - Caltrans would consider addressing utilities with this option
      - Project included signage to redirect bicycle traffic
    - Trail on Edwards Option
      - Accessibility portion on Edwards
      - City would have to pay for addressing the utilities
      - Bicycles and pedestrians would be on Edwards
      - Concerns – addressing utilities, narrowed lanes, 20 fewer parking spaces, may not be allowable
- Discussion
  - Marc Gottschalk asked what utilities are in the area? Steve Allen – cable, water main (currently shut off due to slumping), gravity storm drain. Trevor Parker noted that the shut off main affects fire hydrant pressure and that it’s best practice to have redundant loops of water lines.
  - Group discussed how many parking spaces would be lost (maybe 10?) and Steve Allen said that an accurate figure should be determined.
  - Eric Fishman said he used the trail for years and it is a beautiful trail off the main road. He is open to the trail retreating uphill. He acknowledges the privacy and TAS viewpoints.
  - Marc Gottschalk and Rachel Duclos– The trail has been lower in grade and farther away from their house than the retreat uphill option. Property owners lose privacy.
  - Steve Ladwig noted that the trail was very slumped already when Marc & Rachel arrived.
  - Marc and Rachel thought the trail was being abandoned and the trail project was not disclosed by the realtors or previous owners. They found out from a neighbor.
  - Eric – There is erosion below his garden and he would like that addressed. [Trail Retreat Option] He asked if it would help to address the privacy concerns by including a hedge or

lowering the grade somewhat.

- Steve Allen – the privacy concerns couldn't be addressed without impacting the view. He requested Kelly's input.
- Kelly Lindgren – Stability seem to have been packaged with the Caltrans Trail project. Would there be other funding possibilities for stability?
- Steve Allen – City could investigate stabilization funding including stabilizing the toe of the bluff if that was agreeable.
- Steve Ladwig requested TAS reactions regarding the options and addressing the utilities.
- Kelly Lindgren said it is confusing which project is which and wondered why Caltrans was going to fix the utilities when there is also the ASBS Stormwater Project which is addressing the stormwater.
- Steve Allen – Stabilizing the utilities including storm drain was always part of the Caltrans project since repairing the trail would provide the means to address the utilities.
- Sarah Lindgren-Akana asked when the storm drain was fixed. Steve Madrone answered that in 2011 Madrone Enterprises was hired to repair the trail which included replacing 40 feet of open trench and 9" pipe with 12' pipe put into the trench to convey water from the then-Fulkerson house to the lower paved segment of Van Wycke.
- Sarah Lindgren-Akana - What is the condition the storm drain? Steve Allen - The cable could be moved, the [pressure] water line is off and could be moved. The gravity storm drain pipe is currently intact but threatened by the slumping and is the biggest concern and toughest to solve.
- Sarah Lindgren-Akana – wasn't the stormdrain supposed to connect to the ASBS Project? Steve Allen – Yes correct. Kelly Lindgren – why wasn't this included in the ASBS Project? Becky Price-Hall clarified that the storm water conveyed to lower Van Wycke will be treated by the ASBS project but that stabilizing the utilities on the slumping section of the trail was planned as part of the Caltrans trail repair project.
- Jack West – What is needed to stabilize the storm water pipe? Steve Allen – it could be stabilized either with support from above by a utility bridge or supported from below below.
- Steve Ladwig – Could the stormwater be moved upslope, maybe 10 feet north? Steve Allen – Maybe it could but there would be additional ground disturbance.
- Steve Madrone – Send the stormwater downhill into an infiltration pit at the beach. Steve Allen said the State would possibly be considered a point discharge which would be highly regulated.
- Steve Ladwig suggested the discussion move along and that it didn't look like there is a simple solution.
- Steve Madrone – there are key questions about the trail. He liked Eric's comment about importance of view, privacy, security.
  - Asked if there is any compromise for property owners with privacy, security and view.
  - If something is workable with the property owners, would Tsurai find it acceptable to retreat uphill with minimal soil disturbance?
  - Thinks sliding will continue to occur. Toe work can occur to protect cultural resources and trail.
- Marc Gottschalk – if trail is not stabilized, will there be another trail repair project be needed in the future. We need to hear from the Tsurai.
- Kelly Lindgren – We have discussed this [Van Wycke Trail] before, so would like to talk more about the Edwards option. Hears Van Wycke has erosion problems. The Van Wycke connectivity project goes back to 2003. This project is combining two things – the trail and utilities.
- Sarah Lindgren – We have nailed down that the bluff is unstable, neighbors are concerned. Putting in trail could further destabilize the area. Will it keep moving uphill? Has seen that in

- the study area as well. Sympathizes with property owners. Should stabilize from the bottom. ASBS project should have included the storm drain on Van Wycke. The trail project at the top of the study area still impacts cultural resources. Why do we need such big projects? Was there a bike/pedestrian traffic study?
- Steve Ladwig – The project recognizes the difficulty of getting from the upper part of town to the harbor area. The 2003 agreement needs to be acted on and the current project is not consistent.
  - Eric Fishman – Found the trail the first time he came here. It is a beautiful and special trail. He loves it. Wants to keep the trail but protect the cultural resources and property owner concerns. He bought his property because of the trail and doesn't know what to do if the trail closes.
  - Eli Naffah – Talked to Caltrans. Wanted to talk to the Tsurai so held this meeting. The Coastal Commission and Coastal Conservancy have issues with closing trails.
  - Kelly Lindgren – the 2003 agreement has the Coastal Conservancy as part of it. Trever Parker said that the 2003 council action was holding off on the [removed] segments pending the Tsurai Management Plan completion.
  - Some of the discussion was not recorded here due to the inability of the notetaker to follow what was being said.
  - Steve Madrone – the 2003 summary of council action acknowledges segments were retracted [from the project] so there is validation of the TAS concerns. He thinks the City could get a Coastal Development Permit to remove the Galindo Trail. Questions are 1) will property owners be open to uphill retreat of trail; and 2) Would TAS be able to consider an uphill retreat of the trail? Address utilities by putting an uphill leash on the storm drain pipe.
  - Steve Ladwig – Please review the 2003 document. What is TAS thought about work on Edwards?
  - Kelly Lindgren – reviewing document points with Steve Ladwig. # 10 should include mention of the sign to direct traffic to boardwalk but doesn't appear there.
  - Erin Rowe and son Jesse arrived and joined the meeting. Wants the trees gone at Neal/Teal's and to restore her view.
  - Eric Fishman – Open to working with the team.
  - Kelly Lindgren – would rather have the Connectivity Project be on Edwards. The 2003 action is what she supports and to work with what we have now. Read and digest 2003 agreement.
  - Trever Parker – bicycles not addressed.
  - Steve Ladwig - Summary of Next Steps: Goal to bring to Council and Planning Commission. Invited each participant to contribute.
    - Rachel Duclos – Vision – most of the project on Edwards & fix the storm drain. Hand built pedestrian trail on Van Wycke.
    - Marc Gottschalk – Tsurai perspective needed. Edwards – need to discuss improvements to make it better, slow traffic, improve it.
    - Sarah Lindgren Akana – Would need to discuss with the TAS board and make a recommendation. Wants a follow up meeting before any council action. Should digest and come up with a path forward.
    - Marc Gottschalk agreed with that.
    - Rachel Duclos - agreed with that. What needs to happen is trees need to go – it's a violation of the ordinance.
    - Steve Ladwig – the viewscape is related but not part of it. It does have to do with if people want to play ball.
    - Erin Rowe – agrees with Rachel and wants to see bluff stabilized.
    - Eric Fishman – agrees with Marc to respect the Tsurai perspective. If all work together, something might happen. Bikes on Edwards.

- Steve Madrone – Liked that people identified what would help them feel comfortable. If things get done, trees are dealt with, things can move forward more cooperatively. He helped build the Galindo trail and now wants to support removal of the Galindo trail. Wants to meet with the property owners and is hearing agreement at the lower part of the area.
  - Trevor Parker – Conversation has been started about closing the Galindo Trail – it will require a Local Coastal Program amendment. She has a boat in Trinidad and has experienced that parking is a problem on Edwards.
  - Eric Fishman – Build trust buy acting on agreements (2003). A fence is not needed. Manage trees in the proper way.
  - Erin Rowe – concerned that the trees are further destabilizing.
  - Steve Madrone – Agrees that toe work is needed.
  - Steve Ladwig – Closing points
    - A next meeting will be scheduled. Information will be provided ahead of time: agenda, agreement and notes from today.
    - There will be a meeting with landowners; a meeting with TAS.
    - Issues: Galindo Trail removal; viewshed; Be smart about stormwater Pipe and bluff toe work.
- Meeting ended.

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Van Wycke Connectivity Project Meeting with affected property owners on March 13, 2020

Following are GHD's summary meeting notes from last Friday's March 13 meeting which focus on the main themes and action items we heard at the meeting.

Summary notes:

- 1) The alternate connectivity project on Edwards Street with a sidewalk on the south side of the street was discussed, well received, and preferred over a sidewalk on the north side on Edwards Street. The PDF of photos from Wednesday site visit and the PDF titled "Van Wycke Edwards Sidewalk Option 2.pdf" showing the general location and concept were reviewed as part of the discussion.
- 2) Two vista point areas were discussed based on the PDF of photos from Wednesday site visit:
  - a. One vista point being area where existing bench is on Edwards between Van Wycke and Hector Streets
  - b. Second vista point being area where existing bench is on Van Wycke between Galindo Street and closed trail.
  - c. One resident commented it would be nice to have more than a bench, perhaps a table and suggested concrete would be a good material for longevity
- 3) The Van Wycke Trail retreat uphill option was conceptually discussed based on the PDF of photos from Wednesday site visit.
  - a. Discussed potential for gravel surface trail with minimal soil disturbance following existing grades uphill of existing closed trail near the existing fence line of the garden property.
  - b. Discussed potential options for gravity storm water, either trenching along new trail alignment (recognizing this would be more soil excavation and may not be desired), or supporting the pipe across the closed trail alignment whether the trail gets moved upslope or closed.
- 4) The project grant timeline was discussed:
  - a. Project design (PS&E) and right-of-way must be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup> to allow for the project's construction allocation to be considered at the August CTC meeting.
  - b. City needs to make decisions and provide direction at the upcoming March 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting
  - c. Due to R/W needs along Van Wycke trail, that option is not likely feasible to go through discussions about what project may be feasible, property appraisals, negotiations with landowners, and finalize R/W acquisitions
- 5) Supervisor Madrone needed to leave before the end of the meeting but suggested a summary of observations and next steps for the project to move forward:
  - a. General agreement on a sidewalk on south side of Edwards for pedestrian connectivity
  - b. Little to no work on Edwards uphill of Hector intersection; maybe just some striping or split rail fence to keep folks off the bluff

- c. Galindo Street trail closure
  - d. Trim trees near Van Wycke trail
  - e. Solutions to storm drain on Van Wycke trail; suggested low impact solutions such as well/infiltration
  - f. Limited impact limited grading for any trail retreat options to minimize soil disturbance in that area.
- 6) Supervisor Madrone also suggested a site visit to the Van Wycke Trail location could be helpful to see the area in person, make some measurements in the field, and maybe to have residents be on their deck/porch and see/discuss what it may look like to have people walking in the potential trail retreat areas. Suggested that Mark/Rachel, Erin, Eric Fishman all be invited along with Kelly/Sarah, Eli, Steve/Josh, etc. Mark/Rachel were on phone and will explore options and may propose some dates when they could visit the site.
- 7) Mark/Rachel conveyed a few points they had about any trail/retreat options;
- a. Want trees trimmed (meaning a substantial trim)
  - b. Not fond of an at-grade trail; would prefer a lower trail
  - c. Do not want a fence
  - d. Low vegetation along uphill side of trail ok/preferred to help delineate the trail to keep people from walking into their yard and to help provide some visual buffer of trail/pedestrians on trail

Meeting ended.

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## Van Wycke Connectivity Project Stakeholder Meeting Summary

8/5/20 at 4 pm via Webex videoconference.

Project Staff in attendance: City Manager Eli Naffah; Engineer Steve Allen, GHD; City Planner Trevor Parker, SHN; Project Coordinator Becky Price-Hall

8 affected property owners were in attendance. One other submitted input via email. The comments and questions have been summarized and organized by project component.

Project Engineer Steve Allen (GHD) introduced the revised project and described the project components. Staff and attendee discussion and Q and A followed.

New bicycle and pedestrian route on Edwards: Bicycles will be routed on Edwards, down Galindo and across to Edwards and down to the harbor area. Pedestrian will be routed on Edwards on south side. Bicycles will go down on the right side (with traffic) with an uphill bike lane. Edwards driveways will have to be conformed to sidewalks.

Slumping segment of trail and buried utilities: Revised project concept does not include repair of trail across slumping area. It proposes to remove old retaining wall and railing and addresses gravity storm drain pipe and possibly other utilities in the right of way. Concern that a break of the storm drain would send stormwater downhill. Utilities present – a 6” water main (shut off); gravity storm water drain pipe, dry utilities (e.g. cable). Options for stabilizing the utilities are being developed and will be presented at the 8/11 Council meeting. This revised project scope does not include repair of existing closed trail. Anything from Planner?

Planner Trevor Parker- says closing the trail will require a CDP application and LCP amendment. To close a trail, Coastal Commission requires alternative access. A sidewalk on Edwards won't do that but Vista points may assist with the access to the view. Good to include vista points for this reason.

Slumping Van Wycke trail segment comments and discussion – see description above

Q. How will the trail be closed off?

R. Allen - don't yet have a set plan for that. People may figure out how to get around barriers so open to suggestions about that. It will need to be clearly be shown as closed.

City Manager Naffah - Input from community would be essential. The chain closing the trail was requested by the insurance company. City would like input from residents. A more permanent closure is possible. City has a trails committee to advise; closure will need to go through planning commission.

Q - What is the Tsurai position on Van Wycke Trail – close or repair in a way to protect Tsurai cultural resources?

R. No official position at this time.

Naffah – thinking about hand-built trail with minimal steps.

Attendee – our property is on the edge and everything is sliding. Don't think a minimal trail would work.

Allen – Caltrans would not fund a minimal trail. If anything, this would end up as a temporary project. The soil disturbance would risk Tsurai resources.

Attendee – Wants to ask if it is the intention of the Tsurai to close the trail down completely and not use the path at all or if it needs minimal disturbance. Could the track where the utilities are be a goat track?

Email comment - Looking at the trail, I am wondering if a relatively simple hand build could be done in the current position/within the city's easement. This would include building in a few steps at either end. This does not seem to require additional soil disturbance, but of course I'm not qualified to say what it would take to do a safe hand-built repair. Regarding the trail, [property owner] will not support a trail up on our property at grade.

Utility stabilization comments and discussion – see description above.

Allen - To maintain the gravity storm drain utilities need to be stabilized with minimal disturbance. Don't have plans for that yet. Don't want to have an attractive nuisance to trespassers or a visual problem. Utilities are an issue and GHD is trying to identify options.

Attendee – is utility work part of the grant project? Not sure that Caltrans will pay for repairs even though the trail will be on Edwards. If the storm drain fails will it create more erosion?

Allen – yes, that could impact the area during the rainy season. The water line has already been turned off to prevent leaking down the hill

Attendee – haven't seen information on the replacement of the water pipelines yet. Is that available?

Allen – the concept designs for pipeline replacement are being developed now but are not yet available.

Attendee – would we be able to see the cost estimates when that is available?



Attendee – regarding water flow – would the work also include a larger pipe to increase the flow.

Allen – The City is looking at short term and long-term repairs. The short term more emergency solution may include a temporary water main across the ground same size. The permanent replacement would probably be upgraded by an 8” line on Edwards.

Attendee – regarding water flow – would the work also include a larger pipe to increase the flow?

Attendee – if line and utilities are repaired – would this not include a shoring up of the hillside?

Allen – correct, however we’re not trying to shore up and stabilize it, but have a way to stabilize the utilities.

Attendee – Steve, is this proposal going to be for next week’s meeting.

Attendee – if line and utilities are repaired – would this not include a shoring up of the hillside?

Allen – correct, however we’re not trying to shore up and stabilize it, but have a way to stabilize the utilities.

Attendee – wants to see where the utility stabilization will occur and potential easement discussions.

Allen – there will be a project hearing at the Council meeting. GHD is in the process of developing utility stabilization options. Hope it will be ready for next week, but if not, shortly thereafter.

*Edwards walk and new crosswalk across Edwards: There will be a sidewalk along the south side of Edwards and a uphill bicycle lane. Downhill the bicycles will travel with traffic. There will be a crosswalk to cross Edwards on the downhill side of the intersection with Hector (uphill of Van Wycke).*

Email comment - I am hoping there is some improvement of the curbs on the north side of Edwards, otherwise the street will look only half updated. Will the entire street be repaved? Fencing on Edwards: There will be a split rail fence along south side of Edwards next to curb to prevent access to grass and beyond.

Parker - Question for Steve about upper Edwards split rail fence – where do pedestrians go since there is parking along there

Allen - Good point - there is already a well-worn path along Edwards adjacent to the curb. Open to suggestions.

*3 proposed vista points: 1) Downhill (west) of closed trail with bench or two. Existing a bench there. 2) On Van Wycke next to Community Garden with bench, 3) Hector & Edwards with bench at the location of utility vaults and previous disturbance. No parking or other items proposed.*

Attendee -west end Van Wycke vista [#1] already has a bench memorial of Fitzpatrick's. Some people use it daily and walk home again. The # 1 vista point is already be used.

Attendee – creating a vista point – what does that entail – will it be a bench or what type of construction be involved?

Allen - open to feedback – one or two benches, table etc...

Naffah - The vista points need to be compatible with the residential setting

Attendee – don't know how accurate the map is but at this point the Vista point 2 [at East end of Van Wycke closed trail] would just look at a tree.

Attendee – Will the vista points be maintained?

Naffah - There would probably be a trash receptacle in addition to a bench.

Attendee - Having the vistas is one way to close the trail and would be more appealing.

Naffah – trying to capture what people would see if they were using the trail – if not

Attendee – we went yesterday by the community garden but there isn't a good view. Don't want to promote the trail being used. Doesn't seem like a good area to have a vista there.

Naffah -There is a beautiful garden there that is worth checking out but it could be a garden vista.

Attendee – yes, open to ideas and want a nice open place for people to come by and keeping the discussion going.

Email comment - Down in the details, I am hoping the vistas points at each end of the trail can be concrete benches and perhaps a few concrete tables with seating as well. Concrete will last considerably longer than wood.

Attendee - Would hate concrete benches.

Interpretive and directional signage – wayfinding and interpretive signage are included in the budget.

Attendee – any ideas about interpretive signs

Naffah - Part of reason to have the interpretive signs is to point out what Tsurai would like to have in the sign. Identifying what you would be looking at – points of interest or a birding scope. Historical significance other than the Tsurai could be included.

Attendee - what size [signs]?

Naffah – minimal to serve the purpose and message. [As an example] there is an interpretive sign at Hector and Parker.

Attendee – there is always a limitation to what goes on the sign. Suggestion that we create a[n informational] pdf that could be posted on the City website.

General comments

Attendee - Objection to referring to issues as “Native American” as too generic. Wants to say it's not native American stuff – that's too generic. This is Tsurai land and these are Tsurai

cultural resources. They are Yurok people. They are identified and we have a name.  
Thank you.

Naffah - Thank you and we appreciate that.

Comment: City didn't close Galindo trail as agreed and removed signage redirecting away from the trail.

Allen - The idea is to try to show the revised major project elements. We have to go back to Caltrans for a scope change approval. We want to make sure we are going down the right path with the Tsurai, property owners and the public.

Attendee –Also want to say that personally he wants to follow what the Tsurai want.

Attendee - We haven't had time to consider the new options then be able to take a new position about the project components. Don't have an official opinion yet about a project.

Email comment - I think generally the plan looks good and will be an effective improvement for pedestrians and cyclists to get from upper town to the harbor.

Allen – Today's meeting is informational and for discussion and we realize that not everyone can make the call. Will be discussions with the Tsurai Ancestral Society about the utilities. One of the options is supporting the utilities on top with the certainty that the trail is closed. We would need share more information There is a limited timeline and need to get consensus within about a month. Need to convey more information and pros and cons and impact to try to make decisions.

Parker –It's hard to get input before you have a complete design. Permitting will depend on the final design.

Meeting ended.

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8/6/20 Van Wycke Project Meeting with Tsurai Ancestral Society (TAS)  
City Staff: Eli Naffah, Steve Allen, Trever Parker, Becky Price-Hall  
Tsurai Ancestral Society Board

*Summary of TAS questions and comments*

Van Wycke Connectivity Project –

Is the project addressing a safety issue? City previously talked about using paving blocks to reduce weight on the bluffs rather than cement.

How long is the split rail fence? The State Parks says that the split rail fences are hard to keep in place because people take them.

Vista points – If they are too comfortable people will want to stay longer and hang out their laundry

The village isn't a tourist attraction.

Don't want interpretive signs, intentionally. Committees can take on a life on their own that become a monster.

Thanks for meeting with us and giving information you have – want to ask and be clear that we are working together on this and want to make sure that an opinion or position isn't reflected in the staff report.

Has the saturation been checked just down the hill from Katie's smokehouse and to the Van Wycke St & slide?

Meeting ended.

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## **Edwards St Connectivity Project Virtual Workshops Summary of Public Input**

6 – 7:30 pm November 30, 2020 – 16 attendees and 6 project staff

11am – 12:30 pm December 2 – 15 attendees and 6 project staff

### *General Comments and Questions*

- It would be nice to have a second route down to the harbor area
- Suggestion to place the I-Beam Utility Support concrete footings to accommodate a future pedestrian bridge
- No improvements; fix the trail.
- Were there surveys done on Edwards and Van Wycke Streets?
- What portion of the trail is not in the City Right of Way?
- Did the Van Wycke storm drain get tested before the temporary repair?
- [resident on Edwards] Was ignoring the Van Wycke Project but started paying attention when it was renamed the Edwards Street project. It seems disruptive but doesn't have to be. Narrower traffic and bicycle lanes and sidewalk would reduce impact to yards & driveways

### *Edwards Street*

- Could the traffic lanes be narrower to help with traffic calming
- Could the traffic lanes be wider to accommodate big vehicles – it's very tight when two motor homes pass by in the summer
- The road is quite busy during crabbing season and the summer so improving safety on Edwards is important.
- Could speed bumps or humps be placed on Edwards?
- Speed humps were ruled out on Trinity because it wouldn't work for emergency vehicles
- Concerned about impact to driveways on south side of Edwards which are already short and steep.
- Will parking be lost on Edwards? Pedestrian and Bicycle signage
- Would there be signs of some sort to guide pedestrians onto Galindo Street so they don't end up going around the blind corner on Edwards
- How would visitors know the pedestrian route?
- This project has morphed into a Frankenstein
- Will there be additional signage regulating speed?
- Pedestrians visiting the Marine Lab don't have a safe place to walk/cross – could a crosswalk or convex mirror be added to assist?
- Will Galindo Street sidewalk be carried around onto Edwards? Will existing utility boxes be relocated?

### *Vista Point improvements around existing benches – see poll results below.*

- Not in favor of putting many benches on Van Wycke. It feels like the improvements are the first step in closing the trail. Vista points have been cited as justification to close the [Van Wycke] trail. Don't support the closure so concerned about these improvements.
- All vista improvements [benches, railings, signage] should have a uniform look/design
- Putting a split rail fence in front of the benches could impair the view
- Not in favor of a vista point and bench on the east end of the Van Wycke trail. Could be better used as a location to repair the trail.

Results of online polling during each meeting:

November 30, 2020

Q1: Where do you live? (9 Responding)

- A. 22%- Within Project Area
- B. 11%- Outside Project Area, but within City of Trinidad
- C. 67%- Outside of City of Trinidad

Q2: For the Edwards Street Vista Point, I support ... (select all that apply) (12 Responding)

- A. 18%- Improving this area as a vista point
- B. 24%- Keeping the existing bench
- C. 15%- Replacing the existing bench at same location
- D. 21%- Adding a gravel area around the bench
- E. 21%- Having the split rail fence in front of the vista point
- F. 0%- Other suggestions

Q3: For the Lower Van Wycke Vista Point, I support ... (select all that apply) (9 Responding)

- A. 17%- Improving this area as a vista point
- B. 30%- Keeping the existing bench
- C. 9%- Replacing the existing bench at same location
- D. 22%- Adding a gravel area around the bench
- E. 13%- Adding a split rail fence in front of the vista point
- F. 9%- Other suggestions

Q4: For the Upper Van Wycke Vista Point, I support ... (select all that apply) (9 Responding)

- A. 19%- Improving this area as a vista point
- B. 13%- Adding only the gravel area to define the vista point
- C. 19%- Placement of a new bench at this location as part of this project
- D. 13%- Adding a split rail fence in front of the vista point
- E. 0%- A preferred type of bench to include (please enter suggestions in meeting chat)
- F. 19%- Have the City select a bench outside of this project
- G. 19%- Other suggestions

December 2, 2020

Q1: Where do you live? (9 Responding)

- D. 45%- Within Project Area
- E. 18%- Outside Project Area, but within City of Trinidad
- F. 36%- Outside of City of Trinidad

Q2: For the Edwards Street Vista Point, I support ... (select all that apply) (12 Responding)

- G. 31%- Improving this area as a vista point
- H. 19%- Keeping the existing bench
- I. 9%- Replacing the existing bench at same location
- J. 25%- Adding a gravel area around the bench
- K. 9%- Having the split rail fence in front of the vista point
- L. 6%- Other suggestions

Q3: For the Lower Van Wycke Vista Point, I support ... (select all that apply) (9 Responding)

- A. 31%- Improving this area as a vista point
- B. 15%- Keeping the existing bench

- C. 12%- Replacing the existing bench at same location
- D. 23%- Adding a gravel area around the bench
- E. 15%- Adding a split rail fence in front of the vista point
- F. 4%- Other suggestions

Q4: For the Upper Van Wycke Vista Point, I support ... (select all that apply) (9 Responding)

- A. 25%- Improving this area as a vista point
- B. 13%- Adding only the gravel area to define the vista point
- C. 29%- Placement of a new bench at this location as part of this project
- D. 21%- Adding a split rail fence in front of the vista point
- E. 0%- A preferred type of bench to include
- F. 4%- Have the City select a bench outside of this project
- G. 8%- Other suggestions

Comments relating to issues not included or addressed by the Project

*Van Wycke Trail repair or closure* (not part of Connectivity project)

- Disagree with the decision to close the Van Wycke Trail
- Suggestion to add another I-beam next to the proposed utility support to create a pedestrian bridge
- Advocate for trail to stay open
- The Yurok Tribe has submitted a Resolution supporting closure of the Van Wycke and Galindo Trails